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Norihito NAITO, et al.)	
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Application No.: 10/701,451)	
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Filed: November 6, 2003)	
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For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND)	January 16, 2004
METHOD OF SENSING AMOUNT OF	:	
REMAINING DEVELOPER IN IMAGE)	
FORMING APPARATUS	:	

Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the patent documents listed on the enclosed citation Form PTO-1449.

STATEMENT/PETITION/FEE

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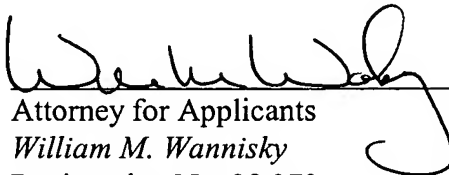
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

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